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SUMMARY. IN PAST FEW DAYS JAPANESE PRESS HAS PRINTED SEVERAL STORIES ON CIA IN JAPAN. ONE ALLEGES CIA INVOLVEMENT IN 1960 DIET ELECTION TO DEFEAT JSP DIETMAN WHO LED OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENTIAL VISIT THAT YEAR. OTHERS ARE BASED VARIOUSLY ON EXPANDED FONOFF DIPLOMATIC LIST AND 1968 EAST GERMAN "WHO'S WHO IN THE CIA," BUT NO NAMES OF PRESENT EMBOFFS HAVE BEEN MENTIONED UNTIL APRIL 14 JCP PRESS CONFERENCE (REPORTED SEPTEL). MORE GENERAL NEWSPAPER AND WEEKLY MAGAZINE FEATURES HAVE REHASHED RECENT AMERICAN PRESS STORIES ON ALLEGED PAST CIA CONNECTIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN. WE DETECT THUS FAR A PATTERN OF JAPANESE MEDIA COVERAGE OF CIA ISSUES TRIGGERED BY WASHINGTON REVELATIONS. WE CANNOT RULE OUT, HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY THAT STORY MAY DEVELOP ITS OWN MOMENTUM. END SUMMARY.

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1. ALL MAJOR SUNDAY PAPERS APRIL 11 CARRIED WASHINGTON

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DATELINE KYODO WIRE SERVICE STORY APPARENTLY BASED ON US PRESS LEAD ALLEGING 1960 CIA BANKROLLING OF VENDETTA CAMPAIGN AGAINST JSP DIET INCUMBENT WHO LED DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST PRESIDENTIAL VISIT THAT YEAR. STORY WAS BASED ON KYODO INTERVIEW WITH BUD VESTEL OF MICHIGAN'S BOOTH NEWSPAPERS, WHO RECENTLY AUTHORED BIOGRAPHY OF PRESIDENT FORD, "JERRY FORD UP CLOSE," WHICH MENTIONS PLOT. KYODO SURMISED THAT CANDIDATE IN QUESTION IS FORMER JSP DIETMAN HOSHIO TANAKA, LEADER OF DEMONSTRATORS WHO BESIEGED CAR OF THEN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY JAMES HAGERTY AT TOKYO AIRPORT, EVENT WHICH PRECIPITATED CANCELLATION OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. CONTACTED BY KYODO, TANAKA SAID HE KNEW NOTHING THAT INDICATED CIA INVOLVEMENT DURING HIS UNSUCCESSFUL 1960 REELECTION CAMPAIGN.

2. ASAHI NEWSPAPER APRIL 9 RAN INSIDE PAGE STORY WHICH, WHILE NOT LISTING ANY NAMES, POINTED OUT THAT 37 US EMBOFFS NEWLY APPEARING ON LAST FONOFF DIPLOMATIC LIST ARE NOT RECENT ARRIVALS AND ALLEGED THAT MANY MAY BE CIA AGENTS. COMPARING SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER DIPLISTS, ASAHI NOTED INCREASE FROM 50 TO 98 IN US EMBOFFS LISTED UNDER NEW FONOFF POLICY REQUIRING LISTING OF ALL US EMBOFFS WITH DIPLOMATIC STATUS (REF A). CASTING SUSPICION ON GROUP OF 37 NEWLY LISTED OFFICERS, ASAHI SAID ONE IS FIRST SECRETARY WITH EIGHT YEARS CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN JAPAN, AND FOUR ARE "ATTACHES WITH COUNSELOR RANK," INFERRING CONTRADICTION WITH EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER STATEMENT THAT OFFICERS NOT FORMERLY ON DIPLIST WERE EXCLUDED BECAUSE THEY WERE OF LOW RANK OR HAD NO OUTSIDE ASSOCIATION. DRAWING ON PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF ITS STAFF, HOWEVER, ASAHI SAID AT LEAST SOME OF 37 NEWLY LISTED DIPLOMATS WERE DEFINITELY NOT CIA AGENTS.

3. ALSO WITHOUT MENTIONING NAMES OF PRESENT EMBOFFS, MAINICHI NEWSPAPER APRIL 11 AND 13 RAN ON INSIDE PAGES EXTENSIVE ARTICLES ALLEGING IT HAS IDENTIFIED 11 LIKELY CIA AGENTS UNDER EMBASSY COVER BY CHECKING 1968 EAST GERMAN "WHO'S WHO IN THE CIA" AGAINST EXPANDED DIPLOMATIC LIST. ADMITTING EAST GERMAN LIST IS NOT DEFINITIVE, MAINICHI SAID, NEVERTHELESS, BASED ON IT "VETERAN" CIA OFFICERS IN EMBASSY MAY INCLUDE ONE OF MINISTER CLASS, ONE CONFIDENTIAL

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OF COUNSELOR CLASS, EIGHT OF FIRST SECRETARY OR ATTACHE CLASS, AND ONE SECOND SECRETARY. APRIL 13 EDITION MENTIONED WILLIAM NELSON AS "HIGH CIA OFFICIAL WHO ONCE SERVED IN JAPAN." STORIES SAID US EMBASSY IS MAIN CIA BASE IN JAPAN, ALLOWING INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION AND OPERATIONS AGAINST USSR, NORTH KOREA AND PRC, AND SURVEILLANCE OF DOMESTIC POLITICS WITH CLOSE COOPERATION OF GOJ CABINET RESEARCH OFFICE AND JAPANESE POLICE.

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4. IN PAST WEEK THERE HAS ALSO BEEN A SPATE OF FEATURES IN NEWSPAPERS AND WEEKLY MAGAZINES REHASHING SPECULATION ABOUT PAST CIA ACTIVITY WORLDWIDE AND IN JAPAN, INCLUDING MATERIAL GARNERED FROM RECENT NEW REPUBLIC, NEW YORK TIMES AND HILSMAN INTERVIEW STORIES, BUT NONE OF THESE ARTICLES FOCUS ON PRESENT CIA OPERATIONS IN JAPAN (REF B). WITH EXCEPTION OF UNUSUALLY SHORT AND NOT VERY FORCEFUL EDITORIAL REQUEST FOR FURTHER ELUCIDATION OF POSSIBLE CIA ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN PRINTED APRIL 13 BY RIGHT OF CENTER SANKEI NEWSPAPER, EDITORIALISTS HAVE AVOIDED ISSUE.

5. COMMENT. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A JCP APRIL 14 PRESS CONFERENCE (REPORTED SEPTEL), THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLICATION THUS FAR OF NAMES OF PRESENT EMBOFFS ALLEGED TO BE CIA AGENTS. BUT MEDIA HAS SOUGHT TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT NAMES ARE KNOWN BY PROVIDING DETAILED EMBASSY POSITION DESCRIPTIONS, ETC. WE ALSO DETECT AN APPARENT PATTERN TO CIA REPORTING HERE. FOLLOWING WASHINGTON ALLEGATIONS, THERE ARE WASHINGTON DATELINE REPORTS AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, FOLLOW-UP JAPANESE INTERVIEWS WITH AMERICANS. INVOLVED. AFTER THIS, THERE ARE FOLLOW-ON SPECULATORY AND "INVESTI-GATIVE" ARTICLES WRITTEN IN TOKYO. WE HAVE NOW ALSO THE FIRST, ADMITTEDLY MILD, EDITORIAL COMMENT. WE EXPECT THIS PATTERN WILL CONTINUE, BUT ARE UNFORTUNATELY UNABLE TO RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT THE STORY WILL DEVELOP A MOMENTUM OF ITS OWN GIVEN PRESENT FIERCE JAPANESE JOURNALISTIC COMPETITION.
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